

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE  
SOUTH RICHLAND TOWNSHIP  
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT,  
DEFIANCE COUNTY, OHIO, CELE-  
BRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to stand before my colleagues in the House to pay tribute to a distinguished group of citizens in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. On September 13, 2003, the South Richland Township Volunteer Fire Department is celebrating 50 years of service to Defiance County, Ohio.

No vocation more embodies the spirit of the American community than that of a volunteer firefighter. These modern American heroes—men and women of all walks of life and social station—give freely of their time and talents to prepare themselves to stand watch for the community.

We, in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, are blessed to have such dedicated citizens as the members of the South Richland Township Volunteer Fire Department. In 1953 42 charter members organized under the leadership of Chief Clifford Colwell. Remarkably, three of these charter members are still active in the department today.

The department has gone through many changes during its first 50 years of service. A rescue service was added to the department in 1971. The 2-bay fire station was expanded to 5 bays. The lone original 1953 GMC pumper has been replaced by multiple vehicles, including a 2002 custom pumper, a 1971 GMC and a 1984 pumper tanker, a 1998 Ford grass truck, a 1999 GMC rescue unit, a lifeboat, a generator set and a volunteer member-owned 1998 GMC tanker.

During its first 50 years of service, the department has been blessed by the leadership of 5 dedicated fire Chiefs—Clifford Colwell 1953–58; Clinton Colwell 1958–60; Robert Colwell 1960–80; John Zimmerman 1980–90; and, Robert Lehman 1990—present.

At present time, the department has 39 members with a total of over 571 years of service and experience. Within their membership, the South Richland Township Volunteer Fire Department has third generation firefighters, and the fourth generation is waiting in the ranks.

Mr. Speaker, the individuality of the American culture, the freedom of the American spirit, and the American value of neighbor-helping-neighbor is embodied in the tradition of the South Richland Township Volunteer Fire Department. I urge my colleagues to join me in this special tribute. Our Nation is well served when citizens willingly sacrifice for their community. I am proud to represent them in this Congress.

INTRODUCING FREE HOUSING  
MARKET ENHANCEMENT ACT

**HON. RON PAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Free Housing Market Enhancement Act. This legislation restores a free market in housing by repealing special privileges for the housing-related government sponsored enterprises (GSE). These entities are the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), and the National Home Loan Bank Board. According to the Congressional Budget Office, the housing-related GSEs received 13.6 billion worth of indirect Federal subsidies in Fiscal Year 2000 alone.

One of the major government privileges granted the GSE is a line of credit to the United States Treasury. According to some estimates, the line of credit may be worth over \$2 billion dollars. This explicit promise by the Treasury to bail out the GSEs in times of economic difficulty helps the GSEs attract investors who are willing to settle for lower yields than they would demand in the absence of the subsidy. Thus, the line of credit distorts the allocation of capital. More importantly, the line of credit is a promise on behalf of the government to engage in a massive unconstitutional and immoral income transfer from working Americans to holders of GSE debt.

The Free Housing Market Enhancement Act also repeals the explicit grant of legal authority given to the Federal Reserve to purchase the debt of GSE. GSEs are the only institutions besides the United States Treasury granted explicit statutory authority to monetize their debt through the Federal Reserve. This provision gives the GSEs a source of liquidity unavailable to their competitors.

The connection between the GSEs and the government helps isolate the GSE management from market discipline. This isolation from market discipline is the root cause of the recent reports of mismanagement occurring at Fannie and Freddie. After all, if investors did not have reason to believe that Fannie and Freddie were underwritten by the Federal government then investors would demand Fannie and Freddie provided assurance they were following accepted management and accounting practices before investing in Fannie and Freddie.

Ironically, by transferring the risk of a widespread mortgage default, the government increases the likelihood of a painful crash in the housing market. This is because the special privileges of Fannie and Freddie have distorted the housing marketing by allowing Fannie, Freddie and the home loan bank board to attract capital they could not attract under pure market conditions. As a result, capital is diverted from its most productive use into housing. This reduces the efficacy of the entire market and thus reduces the standard of living of all Americans.

Despite the long-term damage to the economy inflicted by the government's interference in the housing market, the government's policies of diverting capital to other uses creates a short-term boom in housing. Like all artificially-created bubbles, the boom in housing prices cannot last forever. When housing prices fall, homeowners will experience difficulty as their equity is wiped out. Furthermore, the holders of the mortgage debt will also have a loss. These losses will be greater than they would have otherwise been had government policy not actively encouraged over-investment in housing.

Perhaps the Federal Reserve can stave off the day of reckoning by purchasing the GSE's debt and pumping liquidity into the housing market, but this cannot hold off the inevitable drop in the housing market forever. In fact, postponing the necessary, but painful market corrections will only deepen the inevitable fall. The more people invested in the market, the greater the effects across the economy when the bubble bursts.

No less an authority than Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has expressed concern that the government subsidies provided to the GSEs make investors underestimate the risk of investing in Fannie Mac and Freddie Mac.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for Congress to act to remove taxpayer support from the housing GSEs before the bubble bursts and taxpayers are once again forced to bail out investors who were misled by foolish government interference in the market. I therefore hope my colleagues will stand up for American taxpayers and investors by cosponsoring the Free Housing Market Enhancement Act.

THE LOSS OF SOLDIERS IN IRAQ

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sorrow that I rise to recognize the loss of three soldiers in Iraq, all of whom served with dignity and honor and for whom the people of Rhode Island now mourn.

On Wednesday, August 27, U.S. Army Sergeant Gregory Belanger died after his vehicle was hit with an explosive device. A resident of Narragansett, Rhode Island, Sergeant Belanger was a member of the Army Reserves and served with the Headquarters Service Company, 325th Military Intelligence Battalion, which was deployed to Iraq in March. In addition to his service to his nation, Sgt. Belanger was known among his friends and family for his impressive culinary skills, having earned an associate's degree from Johnson & Wales University. I express my condolences to Sgt. Belanger's fiancée Tara Woundy and his family in Deerfield, Massachusetts.

Additionally, two members of Rhode Island's 115th Military Policy Company were lost on

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September 1, when their Humvee was hit by an improvised explosive device. Sergeant Charles Todd Caldwell of Attleboro, Massachusetts, and Staff Sergeant Joseph Camara of New Bedford, Massachusetts, had been deployed to Iraq in May and were conducting security operations along a main supply route at the time of the incident. A third Reservist, Specialist Edmund Aponte of Providence, was wounded in the attack, and we pray for his quick and fully recovery.

Staff Sergeant Camara, who commanded the three-person patrol unit, was a police officer in New Bedford and a 21-year veteran of the National Guard. In addition to his commitment to his police duties, Sgt. Camara will be remembered for his dedication to his wife, Anna, and his three children, Matthew, Angela, and Ashley.

Sergeant Caldwell, who worked as a senior financial investment specialist in Norwood, Massachusetts, served in the National Guard since 1997. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, whom he married shortly before his deployment.

These losses remind us of the bravery of our servicemembers as they carry out their obligations in the face of danger. When their nation called them to duty to preserve freedom, liberty and the security of their neighbors, they answered without hesitation. We will remember them not only as soldiers, but also as patriots, who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, as well as their families. May we keep their loved ones in our thoughts and prayers as they struggle to endure this difficult period and mourn the heroes America has lost.

We will continue to hope for the safe and speedy return of all of our troops serving throughout the world.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

##### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Second Baptist Church of Keyport. The Second Baptist Church is a pillar of faith, serving the Keyport community as well as the greater Bayshore community since 1893. The church's original congregation flourished under the leadership of its first minister, Reverend David D. Hall. Under Reverend Hall's guidance, the church was able to bring people of African-American decent together, forming a greater sense of community. The church has remained committed to Reverend Hall's vision, and has stayed an active member many community outreach programs for over a century. For example, members of the congregation have put countless hours of work into the Keyport Food Pantry and Manna House in Cliffwood. Furthermore, many members have volunteered countless hours to ministries that sponsor Global outreach, including the Asian Youth Ministries, a youth based worldwide mission stemming out of Red Bank, NJ. I am truly grateful to the Second Baptist Church's congregation for the work that they do and services they provide.

The energy and compassion amongst the members of this church community is to be

commended and admired. I would like to honor 13 individuals in particular who have given the Second Baptist Church many years of dedicated service. Mrs. Mary Alen, Mrs. Floretta Ball, Mrs. Nicie Hammond, Deacon Luther Jackson, Mrs. Josephine John, Mrs. Garnette Lawon, Mrs. Elizabeth Mackason, Deacon Leroy Mackason, Mrs. Mary Major, Mrs. Eloise Schanck, Mrs. Gwendolyn Washington, Mr. William Washington, and Mr. William Williams. All of these men and women deserve to be celebrated for their faith and devotion in working toward a better community.

I want to thank these 13 members as well as the whole congregation for dedicating their time to the Second Baptist Church on its 110th year of serving Keyport, NJ. All of its members should be proud of themselves for helping to build this church into what it is today—a place that fosters volunteerism and a deep sense of community. I would like to congratulate the Second Baptist Church once again on their anniversary and ask my colleagues to join with me in commemorating their 110 years of service.

#### JAILED CUBAN INDEPENDENT JOURNALIST OSCAR ESPINOSA CHEPE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO LANGUISH IN CASTRO'S GULAG

##### HON. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I bring to the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives the case of Cuban political prisoner Oscar Espinosa Chepe. This 62 year old independent journalist was one of 28 independent journalists and more than 100 other opposition members detained in a massive crackdown in March by the dictatorship.

In April, Mr. Espinosa Chepe was sentenced to 20 years in prison because he wrote press stories, spoke to foreigners and interacted with the foreign press, things we take for granted in this country. In the past 6 months he has been moved through several prisons in the Cuban gulag, and various serious medical conditions have been left untreated. He is currently being held at the Carlos Finlay Military Hospital—a facility visited by some members of this Congress—and is suffering from untreated hepatitis, liver failure, cirrhosis, and high blood pressure. According to his wife who is allowed to see him only every 3 months, all of these conditions were under control before his arrest and she fears he may die.

In the past week, she has also said that Mr. Espinosa Chepe is being held in solitary confinement in an unventilated room, and also believes he is being given psychiatric drugs against his will. The misuse of psychiatric drugs and electroshock therapy against political prisoners considered "anti-social elements" by the Cuban dictatorship has been well-documented. The Center for a Free Cuba, the Committee to Protect Journalists and Amnesty International have all issued urgent appeals for the life and freedom of Oscar Espinosa Chepe.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to stop and focus on cases such as this. Some in Congress say that tourist travel to Cuba will cause

the regime to change. Yet we see a dictatorship that happily collects millions of tourist dollars and refuses to change. We see a regime that will host Members of Congress who oppose U.S. policy, but imprisons Oscar Espinosa Chepe for speaking to foreign journalists. We see Members of Congress who dine with Castro, but often fail to even raise the issue of the hundreds of political prisoners suffering in the dictatorship's prisons.

It is my hope that Mr. Espinosa Chepe will one day soon be free. Sooner than later, Cuba will be free, journalists will not be jailed, and the Cuban people will be free to express their opinions.

#### A WARM HOME FOR THE WINTER—PROJECT HEAT'S ON

##### HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I bring to your attention Project Heat's On, a community service endeavor that provides invaluable services to the elderly and handicapped in New Mexico and around the country.

Project Heat's On began ten years ago to help ensure that needy citizens have the heat and smoke detection services so critical during the winter. Sponsored by the Mechanical Contractors Association, the event takes place nationally every year and involves thousands of contractors volunteering to help their communities.

On October 4, local contractors in Albuquerque, New Mexico and throughout my home state will once again volunteer to provide free safety inspections and repairs of heating systems as well as new smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to improve homeowners' safety.

This project is notable not just because of the services it provides but because of the cooperation it represents. U.A. Local 412 and MCA of New Mexico have participated with United Way, the Office of Senior Affairs, and the Red Cross to work for 1200 of New Mexico's low-income elderly and handicapped citizens over the past years. Project Heat's On thus demonstrates not only a commitment to community but a willingness of labor, management, and government to work together.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me and all the residents of New Mexico in honoring and thanking the Mechanical Contractors Association and its partners for ten years of providing warm and safe homes for the winter ahead.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE STEEL FINANCING FAIRNESS ACT

##### HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Steel Financing Fairness Act. This bill helps our Nation's beleaguered steel industry by stopping the Government from forcing American steel workers to subsidize their foreign competitors. Specifically, the bill prohibits

the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) and the Export-Import Bank (EXIMBANK) from providing any assistance to countries that subsidize their steel industries. The Steel Financing Fairness Act also instructs the Secretary of the Treasury to reduce America's contribution to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) by a prorated share of the IMF's assistance to countries that subsidize their steel industries.

No one can doubt that the United States steel industry is in crisis. Approximately 15 million tons of flat-rolled capability (20 percent of the existing domestic capacity base at the start of 2000) was closed in the 18 months from September 2000 to December 2001. The decline of the steel industry has a human cost: in just the last five years, 30,000 Americans once productively employed in the steel industry have joined the ranks of the unemployed.

One of the problems facing America's domestic steel industry is that it must compete with foreign industries that receive subsidies from their governments. Some of these subsidies are explicitly intended to provide these companies with a non-market advantage over American steel producers. The U.S. Government further compounds the damage caused by these subsidies by forcing the domestic steel producers to support their major competitors through taxpayer-funded programs.

For example, according to the most recent figures available, the eight countries with the greatest EXIMBANK exposure are all among the top ten exporters of steel and/or steel products to the United States. In fact, EXIMBANK has provided over \$250 billion of U.S. taxpayer support to these countries.

Meanwhile, OPIC has provided over \$3 billion of the taxpayers' money to seven of the top ten leading steel exporters. Thus, the American taxpayer has provided at least \$253 billion worth of support to the countries that are the leading competitors of the domestic steel industry. This does not count the funds provided these countries by the IMF. Since money is fungible, the practical effect of providing aid to countries which practice industrial policy is to free up resources these governments can use to further subsidize their steel industries. Thus, taxpayer dollars sent to foreign governments and industries can benefit foreign steel manufacturers even if American taxpayer money is not sent to directly benefit those industries.

However, hard as it may be to believe, organizations funded by American taxpayers actually use American tax dollars to directly assist foreign steel producers! For example, among the projects funded by EXIMBANK in recent years is an \$18 million loan guarantee to expand steel manufacturing in Red China.

Ironically, many of the supporters of these foreign giveaways claim to be promoters of free trade. This claim makes as much sense as a supporter of higher taxes and spending claiming to be a fiscally conservative supporter of limited government. Free trade is the peaceful exchange of goods and services across borders unhampered by government interference. Taxing American workers to support their overseas competitors is not free trade. Instead, it is corporatism designed to benefit certain politically powerful interests at the expense of American entrepreneurs and workers.

I have no doubt that America's steel industry can out-compete the steel industry of any

country if allowed to compete on a level planning field. Unfortunately, due in part to government policy, today's playing field is in no way level. Congress must end this economically destructive, immoral, and unconstitutional policy of forcing owners and workers in the domestic steel industry to subsidize their competitors. I therefore call upon my colleagues to cosponsor the Steel Financing Fairness Act.

#### GIVE PEACE A CHANCE

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor His Holiness Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet for his efforts promoting dialogue to bring peace to Tibetan lands and an end to oppression. His presence here on Capitol Hill today should be a reminder to all—that dialogue makes firm the roots of peace and without it tyranny takes hold.

His Holiness is a figure of pure inspiration. He speaks on love, war, peace, hate, economics and other subjects, but he continually comes back to individual responsibility. The individual is the root, the base, the foundation of family, community, society, and country, and all things good must begin with the individual. There is much good each American can do to promote world peace if we take to heart the Dalai Lama's teaching.

I would like to commemorate the Dalai Lama for his continued pursuit of peace in Tibet, the Middle East, and other war-torn places around the globe, and for the goodness that he imbues in all of us. He challenges us to search for the better, and in that search, we inspire others. This body politic must recommit itself to the pursuit of peace at home and abroad.

#### HONORING SELMA FISCH

### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a very dear friend of mine, Selma Fisch, who despite being born in August celebrates her 70th birthday on September 13 because she was characteristically too busy last month.

Mrs. Fisch was born Selma Schenker on August 11, 1933, in Brooklyn, New York. At sixteen years old, she and her family moved to California and settled in Boyle Heights, an area that my family is very familiar with.

Soon after graduating from Roosevelt High School, she met and married her husband of 51 years, Len Fisch.

Selma and Len have three children—Laura Anne, William Daryl, and Lisa Kennedy. Over the years her family has grown and prospered and she is now the proud grandmother of six granddaughters and four grandsons.

In 1972, she and her husband Len started a wholesale clothing company, The Clothing Game, on Santee Street in Los Angeles.

A few years later, they bought and developed their first property on nearby Maple Ave-

nue. Originally built to house The Clothing Game, the property was instead redeveloped into six individual clothing stores. The ownership of this building began their successful career as full time property managers. Their foresight and influence helped produce the now nationally famous "Fashion Alley", spanning Maple Avenue and Santee Street.

Throughout the 80's and 90's, Selma and Len continued to buy and develop prime properties throughout the Los Angeles Garment District.

During these years the area experienced such a boom that local officials and the Los Angeles Police Department struggled to provide adequate services. In response to the area's growing needs, Selma, in conjunction with other property owners, formed the Santee-Maple Alley Association to provide additional maintenance and safety officers throughout the Alley area.

In 1991, working closely with my former State Assembly office and the office of the 9th Council District, Selma was instrumental in obtaining a pedestrian crosswalk for a very busy area of the Alley.

Over the years, she has continued to work to ensure that the area remains attractive to consumers by resurfacing the alley hardscape, replacing area storm drains, adding attractive alley banners, and increasing the number of maintenance workers and security officers.

Selma has been a member of various women's political groups, such as AIPAC and WINPAC, which serves to better the United States' international relationship with Israel, and is currently a member of the Republican Jewish Coalition.

Mr. Speaker, it is my greatest pleasure to honor Selma Fisch for her years of service to our community, and to wish her a very happy 70th birthday.

#### SEPTEMBER 11—A TIME TO REMEMBER OUR HEROES

### HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, not all American heroes make headlines. In fact, most don't. They don't seek the spotlight and they don't need slaps on the back. American heroes go to work every morning, do a good job and provide for their families.

We celebrate our heroes on Sept. 11, just as we mourn the innocent victims of that day.

Sept. 11 marks a time when Americans grieve and remember our terrible losses. But it's also a time when we celebrate the patriotism, courage and valor of public servants and extraordinary citizens.

Heroism manifested itself that day in people from all walks of life. Travelers flying from New Jersey to California said goodbye to their loved ones, prayed together and one said, "Let's roll!" Hundreds knowingly sacrificed their lives so that hundreds more in our nation's capital could live.

Police and firefighters in New York City ran up the stairs of the twin towers. Looking to save lives, they lost their own.

Today, we honor our heroes, those who perished in the line of duty, and those who proudly serve us today.

Our U.S. soldiers continue to serve our nation and the world, from the soaring mountains of Afghanistan to the searing deserts of Iraq. Georgians have played a proud and important role in the war on terror, as have the state's military bases such as Fort Benning in the 11th Congressional District.

Other men and women in uniform, firefighters and police officers in the 11th District [or insert county here] serve us every day on the homefront.

We thank our everyday heroes for all their dedication to their communities and to their country. We honor soldiers, firefighters and police officers today as we remember those who died two years ago.

#### THE ALMOST FORGOTTEN

#### HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday evening, I had the honor of giving out several medals to WW II Veterans and their families—Nick Cavallaro, Leon Andrews, Frank Barber, and Charlie Giardina in Corning, NY.

On the wall behind us was a battle scene and under it were the words: "The United States is #1 because of its veterans." It was a haunting reminder of how much we owe to those who leave their families, their friends, and go off to defend the idea of freedom which, of course, is the reason for this country being what it is.

There is not a family that has not been touched by some sort of wartime heroism. The flashbacks of those honored veterans of Crystal City Post 524—headed by Doug Herbert and Mike Asiello—still light up the world of those of us coming from WW II. But right now, boys and girls, men and women are fighting for us in Iraq and around the world. We are so proud of them. They embody the same spirit of those older men and women, some of whom went off to war over 60 years ago.

God Bless them—God Bless those who risk everything for this special country of ours.

#### TRIBUTE TO ALEX MACHASKEE, THE 2003 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

#### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alex Machaskee, President, Publisher, and Chief Executive Officer of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, as the 2003 International Business Executive of the Year.

On Thursday, September 18th, 2003, Mr. Machaskee will be recognized for his ongoing contribution to broadening Northeast Ohio's role in the international community. He has energized the business community by catalyzing civic leaders to attract international companies to Northeast Ohio as well as link Ohio to the people of other nations. I want to take this opportunity before this body to honor him and to say a few words about why he is deserving of this incredible distinction as a global citizen.

Born in Warren, Ohio, Mr. Machaskee worked as a sports reporter and general assignment reporter for the Warren Tribune before joining the Plain Dealer. As President, Publisher and C.E.O., he is responsible for the overall policy, operation, and direction of the newspaper. He is a graduate of Cleveland State University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. Mr. Machaskee was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by both Cleveland State University in 1995 and the University of Akron in 1998. He was recognized for his tireless passion and talent in 2001 with his induction into the Northeast Ohio Business Hall of Fame.

Mr. Machaskee has demonstrated unflagging leadership in the improvement of Northeast Ohio. He currently is Vice President of the Musicial Arts Association, serves on both the Board Governance and the Finance and Administration Committees of The Cleveland Foundation, is a member of The Greater Cleveland Roundtable and The Museum Council of The Cleveland Museum of Art, a Corporate Member of The Holden Arboretum and a Board Member of The Ohio Arts Council, Leadership Cleveland, University Circle Inc., Cleveland Tomorrow, The Great Lakes Science Center, The Greater Cleveland Growth Association, Urban League of Greater Cleveland, Crime Stoppers of Cuyahoga County, Inc., St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, in Crestwood, New York, and the national board of the International Orthodox Christian Charities.

Additionally, Mr. Machaskee is committed to improving racial amity and promoting diversity. He is the Chairman of the Board of United Way Services for 2002–2003, and previously served as Chairman of the 2000–2001 United Way Campaign. Mr. Machaskee is past Chairman of the Greater Cleveland Roundtable, a racially and culturally diverse civic forum committed to resolving the human relations challenges confronting the city.

Mr. Machaskee has been a critical community partner for many years through his energetic leadership helping to improve and promote the economy of Northeast Ohio. Many throughout the years have appreciated his service and dedication. Let us congratulate him on being honored as International Business Executive of the Year. This award duly recognizes his commitment and service to Northeast Ohio.

#### IN MEMORY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, two years ago, we all watched in horror as television cameras brought us the terrible scenes from New York, as we could see the smoke rising from the Pentagon, and as we learned of acts of terrorism and heroism over the skies of Pennsylvania.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends who lost loved ones that day.

September 11th will remain forever seared into our memories. Today, we pause to remember all those who were lost and all those who rushed into burning buildings to try and save those trapped inside.

So many losses, so many funerals, so many families denied even that small consolation.

The losses are so great, it's hard even to comprehend them. One of those lost was Wanda Green, who was a flight attendant on United Flight 93 and a cousin of my chief of staff, Sandre Swanson. I remember Wanda tonight as I remember all those killed that terrible, terrible day.

Most Americans believe that we will face more acts of terrorism. Sadly, I believe they are right.

We have to do all we can to try to ensure our security here at home.

We need to do everything possible to safeguard the world's known stockpiles of chemicals, biological, and, God forbid, nuclear weapons and materials. We need to protect our own plants, bridges, and ports.

And we need to make sure that our first responders have the tools, the equipment, and the training to do their jobs. We ask them to risk their lives for us. The least we can do is to give them the means to do it.

I leave you with the words of Tom Paxton describing both the awful loss and the awesome courage at the World Trade Center and elsewhere that day:

"Now every time I try to sleep I'm haunted by the sound, of firemen pounding up the stairs while we were coming down."

When we ask men and women to pound up the stairs into the face of death and danger, we must give them every bit of support that might help.

In the memory of all those we lost two years ago today, let us renew our commitment to safeguarding our communities.

My thoughts and prayers to out to the parents and children; husbands, wives, and partners; and family and friends of all those who lost loved ones in those awful events.

Thank you, and I yield back the balance of my time.

#### TRIBUTE TO DANIEL AND MINOR LEBLOND

#### HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dan and Minor LeBlond, friends and distinguished constituents, who will receive the Jacob E. Davis Volunteer Leadership Award from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) on September 15, 2003. To commemorate the joint 40th anniversaries of GCF and Stepping Stones Center for the Handicapped, four awards will be presented this year honoring volunteers who have played vital roles in the overlapping histories of these outstanding organizations.

Dan is a native Cincinnati, and is being recognized for his 15 years of service to GCF. He joined GCF as an Associate Director in 1988, serving in that role until GCF's volunteer and staffing structure changed in 1994, when he became a member of the new Grants Review Committee and served until 2003.

Among his many community leadership roles, Dan has been a board member of American Red Cross; Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati, Inc.; Cincinnati Country Day School; Cincinnati Institute for Fine Arts;

Good Samaritan Hospital and TriHealth, Inc.; United Way of Greater Cincinnati; and a number of corporate boards.

Minor was born in Memphis, Tennessee. She is being recognized for her role as a founder, past trustee, and president of Stepping Stones Center for the Handicapped.

In addition to Stepping Stones, Minor has been active with a number of other important organizations. She was a founder, past trustee, and president of Living Arrangements for the Developmentally Disabled, Incorporated. She also served as a past board member of United Cerebral Palsy of Cincinnati, Inc.; Friends of the School for Creative and Performing Arts; Glad House; and Playhouse in the Park. She is active in fund drives for United Way, Fine Arts Fund, and other organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the many accomplishments of Daniel and Minor LeBlond. All of us in the Greater Cincinnati area thank them for their dedication to improving the lives of others. They have made a significant difference in our community, and I know they will continue to do so.

#### TRIBUTE TO MS. OLLIE M. SMITH

##### HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Ollie M. Smith, who is retiring as Director of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP), Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy), after holding this position since November 1996. TAP is a program run jointly by the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Labor to assist separating servicemembers and their families as they transition into civilian life.

Ms. Smith has dedicated her career to the Department of Defense, working for not only the Office of the Assistant Secretary, but also for the U.S. Navy and the Defense Logistics Agency. Ms. Smith's career began at the Naval Supply Systems Command as a Project Manager. She also served in the great State of South Carolina at the Charleston Naval Supply Center as a contracting officer.

After serving on the Board of Naval Corrections from 1986 to 1993, Ms. Smith became Chief of Business Management, Defense Distribution Standard Center at the Headquarters of the Defense Logistics Agency. While there she was responsible for budget formulation, justification, and execution of the Defense Standard Systems budget.

Since November 1996, her responsibilities have changed to the more human aspect of the Department of Defense. As the Director of TAP, she oversaw the automated outplacement assistance system, public and community service policy, and job seeker and employment outreach for active duty servicemembers and their families.

Ms. Smith's enthusiasm, commitment, and professionalism are hallmarks of her persona.

Thank you, Ollie, for your dedication to America's servicemembers and veterans. You are leaving a lasting legacy of dedicated service to America and those who protect our freedoms.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. JEAN ROTHENBERG

##### HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Jean Rothenberg, a distinguished constituent, who will receive the Jacob E. Davis Volunteer Leadership Award from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) on September 15, 2003. To commemorate the joint 40th anniversaries of GCF and Stepping Stones Center for the Handicapped, four awards will be presented this year honoring volunteers who have played vital roles in the overlapping histories of these outstanding organizations.

Jean was instrumental in helping to get GCF on its feet. Jean was the last president of the Fresh Air & Convalescent Aid Society, which ran the Fresh Air Farm on what is now the Stepping Stones Center property. When the group decided its mission had become outdated, a committee was formed to study what to do with its \$600,000 endowment and property. In 1963 and because of Jean's leadership, the committee collaborated with a group of civic leaders and bank presidents, who were forming GCF, to provide the \$600,000 as seed money for the new foundation. The Fresh Air Farm property became Camp Stepping Stones.

Jean has also been integral to other local organizations that are important to our community. One example is the Hearing, Speech & Deaf Center of Greater Cincinnati, which she founded in 1950. She has supported the Center and the cause of helping the hearing impaired with her leadership and financial resources, and is currently an emeritus member of the board.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing Jean's accomplishments as she receives the Jacob E. Davis Volunteer Leadership Award. All of us in the Greater Cincinnati area thank her for her outstanding service to our community and for her efforts to help those who need it most.

#### TRIBUTE TO PAUL GOLDENBERG

##### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Paul Goldenberg. Mr. Goldenberg has been a successful businessman in the Los Angeles area for two decades. He has also worked hard to fund and support medical centers and education programs, and has recently been honored with the 2003 Jewish Home for the Aging Lifetime Achievement Award.

Known as "The King of Big Screen," Paul Goldenberg is a self-made businessman who started a TV repair business with \$1000 he borrowed from two cousins. For the last 19 years, his La Habra store has sold more big-screen TVs than any other store in America.

Mr. Goldenberg's success has led him to support many charitable causes. Paul's work with the Keeping the Promise Capital Campaign made the opening of the Paul Golden-

berg-Daphna and Richard Ziman Special Care Center possible, and he is also a major contributor to the Jewish Home Residential Medical Center and the City of Hope. Mr. Goldenberg is also active in the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

Along with his contributions of time and money to the medical community, Mr. Goldenberg is a dedicated supporter of education and after-school programs. Mr. Goldenberg has been the scholarship director of the California Highway Patrol 11-99 Foundation, an organization devoted to awarding scholarships to children of Highway Patrol employees. This year Mr. Goldenberg and his committee raised over one million dollars to fund 712 scholarships. In June, Paul awarded 43 personally funded scholarships to local high school students.

For his work on behalf of the Los Angeles community, as well as his dedication to education, I am proud to ask all Members to join with me in commending Paul Goldenberg upon receiving the 2003 Jewish Home for the Aging Lifetime Achievement Award.

#### HONORING THE ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

##### HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra in honor of its 75th Anniversary.

The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, which is located in my district, was founded in 1928 by Phillip Potts and continues to be the largest employer in the arts within Washtenaw County. The orchestra employs over 150 professional musicians.

Throughout the year, the symphony performs music from Bach to Broadway in nine mainstage concerts for over 8,000 people, as well as four youth concerts and five senior citizen concerts. During the history of the Ann Arbor symphony, numerous honors have been bestowed upon it. It was the only arts organization to be named "Crain's Business Best Managed Nonprofit in 2002." The orchestra was also given the Nonprofit Enterprise at Work's Excellence Award for Management in 1997 and 2003. Further, it was the only Michigan orchestra to receive a Millennium Project award from the National Endowment for the Arts for a premiere of a new work for orchestra and gamelan.

Over the past 75 years, the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra has provided southeastern Michigan with wonderful entertainment and great role models for young people. The Orchestra has given nearly 18,500 area students the opportunity to perform through its Ensemble in Your School program. The orchestra has had numerous world renowned guest performers such as Jaime Laredo, Catherine Cho, Ilya Kaler, and Augustin Hadelich just to name a few.

The Ann Arbor symphony orchestra continues to make much needed contributions to the art community. The orchestra is actively involved in giving young people the opportunity to become involved with the arts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in commending the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra on providing 75 years of exemplary service in the arts to the Michigan

community and in wishing them many more years of success.

#### TRIBUTE TO RUTH UPSON

##### HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ruth Upson, a distinguished leader, who will receive the Jacob E. Davis Volunteer Leadership Award from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) on September 15, 2003. To commemorate the joint 40th anniversaries of GCF and Stepping Stones Center for the Handicapped, four awards will be presented this year honoring volunteers who have played vital roles in the overlapping histories of these outstanding organizations.

Ruth's father-in-law, Mark Upson, was GCF's first Director and, through Mark, she became very familiar with the good work GCF does. Ruth is a GCF donor and member of the Foundation Society for legacy givers. Ruth also has been active with Stepping Stones since the early 1960s.

In addition to Ruth's good work at GCF and Stepping Stones is her dedicated service at a number of hospitals in the Cincinnati area. Ruth has given a great deal of her time (over 3,500 volunteer hours) at General Hospital in the 1930s, Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in the 1940s, Christ Hospital, and most recently at the Women's Imaging Center.

Other volunteer work includes the Junior League of Cincinnati, which she joined in 1940; the Deupree Community, where she has served with the Auxiliary and on the Executive Board; and the Church of the Redeemer, volunteering "wherever needed."

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing Jean's accomplishments as she receives the Jacob E. Davis Volunteer Leadership Award. All of us in the Greater Cincinnati community thank her for her outstanding service and efforts to help those in need.

#### TRIBUTE TO MISS SARAH MERCER

##### HON. HENRY E. BROWN, JR

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary accomplishment of Miss Sarah Mercer of Moultrie Middle School in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. Miss Mercer recently won the Siemens American History Innovation Award at the National History Day Competition held this summer at the University of Maryland.

Her entry, "The Fencing Frenzy: Rights and Responsibilities of Barbed Wire Usage in the Wild West," highlights how the innovation of barbed wire led to efficient, economical, and ecological practices for both ranchers and farmers on the American frontier. I am proud to represent Miss Mercer and her family, who reside in South Carolina's First Congressional District.

IN RECOGNITION OF DONALD R. FROELICH WHO WILL RETIRE AFTER 13 YEARS OF DEDICATED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF GLENDALE'S DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER

##### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Donald R. Froelich who will retire from the City of Glendale's Department of Water and Power after 13 years of service to the city and community as Water Service Administrator.

Donald R. Froelich graduated from the University of Southern California in 1963 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He continued his studies and received a Masters in Civil Engineering in 1967. He also received a certificate for Executive Management in 1988. Among his exemplary list of educational achievements is also an engineering license. In addition, Mr. Froelich is a distinguished member of the California Bar.

While Mr. Froelich was vice-president of the Board of Directors of the Castaic Lake Water Agency, he held great responsibility for supplying State Project Water to the Santa Clarita Valley. Donald worked for the Metropolitan Water District for 24 years. He was responsible for water supply and demand, planning activities, and identifying the need for additional facilities to ensure that Metropolitan could provide adequate water to the growing communities of its member agencies.

In September of 1990, Donald arrived at the City of Glendale to work for Water & Power as Water Service Administrator. He was dedicated to managing the activities of the Water Department that dealt with finances, construction, operation and maintenance of the City's water system.

Donald Froelich's accomplishments have been numerous. In 1996, he received the California Water Reuse Association Project of the Year Award. Notably, he implemented a regional recycled water program with the cities of Pasadena and Los Angeles. He worked closely with the Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Health Services. He planned and implemented a pivotal Superfund groundwater cleanup project in an attempt to clear up the San Fernando Basin of volatile organic chemicals used by the neighboring industries as degreasers. Lately, Donald spearheaded the Chromium 6 research project where he worked with the cities of Los Angeles, Burbank, San Fernando and regulatory agencies to identify the best technology for removing Chromium 6 from drinking water supplies. He made this possible by dedicating his efforts to obtain Congressional funding for the project with my office and that of Senator Barbara Boxer.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in congratulating Donald R. Froelich on a truly exemplary professional and public service career, and for his immense commitment to the City of Glendale and surrounding communities.

REMEMBERING THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

##### HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in observance of the tragic terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

We must never forget the character of these attacks. Nor can we forget the many innocent victims on the ground and in the air, or the heroic efforts of the many firefighters, police officers and emergency personnel who sacrificed their lives while attempting to save others.

Our American ideals and values have survived and sustained us through this difficult time. Ultimately, with this tragedy behind us we are a stronger nation. Throughout history we have always grown stronger after facing great national challenges. This is a time of national unity. We survived the onslaught of September 11 and demonstrated once again the greatness of our nation.

The sacrifice of Americans continues. As we memorialize the victims of that awful day, we are reminded that thousands of young Americans are overseas—away from their country, their homes, and their loved ones—fighting the real War on Terror in the mountains and deserts of Afghanistan. Our nightly news brings daily reports of American sacrifice in Iraq, and we need to ensure that our soldiers have our unwavering support during this difficult time.

In large measure, the strength of our nation lies in its diversity and its commitment to democracy. As we remember these events and our fallen friends and family, we must honor their memory by upholding the values that have made our country great and ensure that those who perpetrated these attacks did not succeed in defeating our fundamental values. In particular, we must not assault the civil liberties of any group of Americans. Our past efforts to restrict the liberties of German-Americans, Italian-Americans, African-Americans, and Japanese-Americans are scars on our history. We must not let history repeat itself. Indeed, depriving any group of Americans of their liberty undermines the liberty of all Americans and hands a victory to those who attacked us.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and all of my colleagues join me in remembering the victims and heroes of September 11 and in wishing their loved ones a safe and prosperous future.

#### TRIBUTE TO KATHRYN PETTENGILL

##### HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Kay Pettengill, a dear friend and distinguished constituent, who will receive the Jacob E. Davis Volunteer Leadership Award from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) on September 15, 2003. To commemorate the joint 40th anniversaries of GCF and Stepping Stones Center for the Handicapped, four awards will be presented this year honoring

volunteers who have played vital roles in the overlapping histories of these outstanding organizations.

Kay is being honored for her service to both GCF and Stepping Stones Center. She served as a member of the GCF Distribution Committee and later the Governing Board from 1984 to 1993 and as Governing Board chair from 1990 to 1991. Kay began volunteering with Stepping Stones in 1971. She is a past president and board chair and, due to her outstanding dedication and accomplishments, became the first Honorary Trustee of Stepping Stones in 1993. Between 1981 and 1984, she was instrumental in raising \$1.2 million for Stepping Stones. Kay also was key in helping to raise \$1.5 million for Camp Allyn, owned by Rotary Club and where Stepping Stones operated a resident camping program.

Kay also has been a member of the Junior League since 1948 and has helped to raise vital funds for United Way of Greater Cincinnati, Hamilton County Special Olympics, Easter Seals Southwest Ohio, American Red Cross, Children's Theater, and Cincinnati Restoration, Incorporated.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing Kay's many accomplishments as she receives the Jacob E. Davis Volunteer Leadership Award. All of us in the Greater Cincinnati area thank her for her tireless work to help those who are less fortunate.

#### DEATH OF JOE SHINE

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I learned just yesterday about the death of Joe Shine, who has been a longtime friend and advisor. We worked together when I was in the State Senate, as he served as the attorney for the Budget and Control Board.

I am most appreciative of his chairmanship of the Lower Savannah Minority Affairs Committee for the Second Congressional District.

My family and I offer our most sincere sympathy to Joe's family and friends.

I would like to enter into the RECORD the following article published this morning in The State newspaper.

[From The State, Sept. 11, 2003]

PROMINENT LAWYER JOE SHINE DIES AT 53; CITADEL GRAD WAS FORMER COUNSEL FOR BUDGET AND CONTROL

(By Valerie Bauerlein)

Joe Shine, respected lawyer, public servant and husband of a federal judge, collapsed and died unexpectedly Wednesday morning. He was 53.

Shine was the second black graduate of The Citadel and a graduate of Harvard law school. He came back to his home state to work, and became the first legal counsel for the state's Budget and Control Board.

Fred Carter, the board's former director and current chief of staff for Gov. Mark Sanford, said he felt like part of him was ripped out when he heard of Shine's death.

"I've had the privilege of working with thousands of people in state government," Carter said. "I don't know that I could identify anybody that had greater integrity than Joe Shine."

Shine grew up in Charleston, the son of a teacher and a cook on naval ships. From his

mother, he once said, he learned to love knowledge and education, and from his father, adventure and a sense of the world.

Shine went to The Citadel in 1967, with the encouragement of teachers at his high school, including Jim Clyburn, now a U.S. representative.

Shine said he was razed because it was part of The Citadel culture, and because he was black. One cadet kicked him under the table at meals until his shins bled.

"There's an atmosphere there that the fittest survive," he said in a 2002 interview with The Post and Courier of Charleston.

"I decided that no one would determine who I was but me," said Shine, who was named to The Citadel's board of visitors last week.

As a student at the military school, Shine honed the discipline that friends say he carried through his life.

He went to Harvard law school, served in the U.S. Air Force and earned an MBA from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Shine worked in Washington, D.C., where he met his wife, Margaret Seymour, then an attorney with the Office of Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education.

Shine loved the water and spent as much time kayaking and sailing as he could.

"Joe was a big outdoorsman," said Ed Evans, the Budget and Control Board's general counsel and Shine's former chief of staff.

"His first date with his wife was a sailing adventure," said Evans, laughing. "He capsized the boat. Why she went out on a second date, I'll never know."

Shine came back to South Carolina to serve as chief deputy attorney general. He and Seymour had been dating less than a year, but he proposed to her.

They married in 1988.

In 1993, Gov. Carroll Campbell picked Shine as the first general counsel for the Budget and Control Board, the administrative arm of state government.

Shine supervised 11 attorneys at the board and defended the state in cases ranging from the mundane to the controversial, including a 1994 case on whether the state could fly the Confederate flag.

Shine defended the state's legal rights. Many people told him he shouldn't.

"As a lawyer, I have an obligation to defend my client," he told The Post and Courier. "My job was to try to have the case dismissed."

"You have to have public servants who recognize their responsibilities and are going to do their jobs. I don't choose my cases. The cases come to me."

Shine retired last year from the Budget and Control Board. He became general counsel for the Savannah River Site in June 2002.

Clyburn said Shine asked his advice about working at SRS, the subject of numerous discrimination claims.

"I told him he should do it," Clyburn said. "I saw Joe's going down there as general counsel as a step in the right direction."

Shine commuted to Aiken, with Seymour commuting to Spartanburg, where she is a federal district judge, the first black woman named to the federal bench in the state.

The family lives in Columbia's Northlake community. Friends say Shine was devoted to his son, who turned 12 last Thursday.

The cause of Shine's death was not known Wednesday.

Shine leaves a legacy of public service, as a past president of the S.C. Bar Association Foundation, which raises money for indigent defense, and as a leader in civic groups, sailing clubs and his church, St. Martin's in the Fields Episcopal Church.

"Joe had a level of clarity knowing the difference between right and wrong that very few people had," Evans said. "More than that, he had the courage to do what was right."

#### REMEMBERING THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

#### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the men and women from Connecticut and throughout the nation who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

I know that many people throughout my district and state are taking time today to remember those who died that day two years ago, as well as the families and friends that they left behind. No matter how much time passes from that day forward, the ache that we as a nation felt in our hearts will never fade. The sorrow and grief we felt on behalf of the country and our fellow Americans is unwavering, as is our sense of outrage at the despicable acts and the vicious few who perpetrated them on peaceful, innocent people.

As we recall the tragedy of that horrible day, I hope that in addition to remembering the pain, sadness and anger that this brutal act of terrorism caused in our nation, we also take time to remember the brave, selfless men and women who desperately worked to save others, both in the World Trade Towers, the Pentagon, and Flight 93. Let us remember the fire fighters, police officers, emergency medical responders and others that unflinchingly confronted terror and chaos. There were many heroes that day, and many of them are no longer with us.

We should take time on each anniversary of September 11, 2001 to honor the dead, their families and those that continue to serve on the nation's front lines of defense against acts of terrorism and disasters.

Let us also be grateful: Grateful for our lives, our freedom and our Democracy—the foundation that this nation is built on. Terrorists throughout the world, much like those who committed those terrible acts two years ago, would most like to take from us these things we so value. We must remain defiant in the face of danger and adversity and take every measure to ensure that in our efforts to be secure, we do not deprive ourselves of our greatest strength: our liberty. As we continue to safeguard our communities and our borders, we must also safeguard the rights and freedoms that make this nation what it is. To do otherwise would be a disservice to the memory of September 11.

May we never forget those who died or the members of the United States Armed Forces who have given their lives since that day. In their memory, we must work to protect our homeland and our liberty, defeat terrorism, and build lasting peace throughout the world. God bless those who lost their lives two years ago, and God bless America.



HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE  
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY RESI-  
DENTS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES  
DURING THE TRAGIC EVENTS 9/  
11/01

**HON. TOM DAVIS**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on the eve of the anniversary of one of the darkest hours in our great nation's history, to honor the memory of twenty-two Prince William County residents who were victims of the horrific attacks on September 11, 2001.

The horrible and senseless acts of random violence that took place two years ago in New York, Virginia, and Pennsylvania have left an indelible mark on our nation and have forever changed the course of history. As we take this opportunity to reflect upon the catastrophic loss incurred by our country on that day, it is our duty to ensure that the memory of those who suffered the greatest loss of all not be forgotten.

I would like to take a moment to honor each citizen individually by name. Sergeant First Class John J. Chada, USA (Ret.) of Manassas; Storekeeper 3 Jamie L. Fallon, USN of Lake Ridge; Ms. Amelia V. Fields of Dumfries; Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Hymel, USAF (Ret.) of Lake Ridge; Sergeant Major Lacey B. Ivory, USA of Woodbridge; Ms. Judith L. Jones of Dale City; Mr. David W. Laychak of Manassas; Mr. James T. Lynch, Jr. of Manassas; Mr. Robert J. Maxwell of Manassas; Ms. Molly L. McKenzie of Dale City; Ms. Diana B. Padro of Woodbridge; Ms. Rhonda S. Rasmussen of Lake Ridge; Mr. Edward V. Rowenhorst of Lake Ridge; Ms. Judy Rowlett of Woodbridge; Mr. Donald D. Simmons of Dumfries; Ms. Cheryle D. Sincok of Dumfries; Interior Communications Electrician Gregg H. Smallwood, USN of Woodbridge; Sergeant Major Larry L. Strickland, USA of Woodbridge; Ms. Sandra L. White of Dumfries; Mr. Jeff Simpson of Woodbridge; Mr. Gene Edward Malloy of Manassas; and Mr. Craig Miller.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me in saluting these Prince William County residents who we lost in the events of September 11, 2001. Through this tribute may our respect and remembrance, never fade.

TRIBUTE TO PHILLIP  
BRIDENBAUGH, M.D.

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Dr. Phillip Bridenbaugh, a friend and distinguished constituent. He is stepping down as Chair of the Department of Anesthesia at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center after 26 years of outstanding service.

For more than a quarter century, Dr. Bridenbaugh has dedicated himself to the medical community in Cincinnati. He has built strong relationships with key volunteers, gov-

ernment officials, and his staff. He also has been a close and valuable adviser to me and the Administration on important health care issues affecting our nation.

He has also been active nationally on anesthesiology issues. He is a member of the Association of University Anesthesiologists, a diplomat of the American Board of Anesthesiology and a fellow of the American College of Anesthesiologists. He also has invested a great deal of his time with the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) and has served as ASA president (1996 to 1997), president-elect (1995 to 1996), first vice president (1994 to 1995), and vice president for scientific affairs (1992 to 1994). In addition, he is past president of the Washington State and Ohio Societies of Anesthesiologists, the American Society of Regional Anesthesia, and the Society of Academic Anesthesiology Chairs.

Dr. Bridenbaugh received his medical degree from the University of Nebraska School of Medicine. He served his anesthesiology residency at Virginia Mason Hospital, and was a National Institutes of Health trainee in anesthesiology for two years at Stanford University and at St. Thomas' Hospital.

Dr. Bridenbaugh also has been very active with several professional journals, serving as associate editor of ASA's journal *Anesthesiology* since 1984, associate editor of the journal *Anesthesia and Analgesia* from 1989 to 1994, and editor-in-chief of the journal *Regional Anesthesia* from 1986 to 1989. He is co-editor of the textbook "Neural Blockade, Pain Management."

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing Dr. Bridenbaugh's many accomplishments as he steps down as Chair of the Department of Anesthesia at the University of Cincinnati. All of us in the Greater Cincinnati area thank him for his outstanding dedication to our community, and we wish Dr. Bridenbaugh and his wife, Dr. Diann Bridenbaugh all the best.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF THE FIRST BAP-  
TIST CHURCH OF SAKS

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the First Baptist Church of Saks, of Anniston, Alabama, on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

First Baptist Church of Saks began as New Hope Missionary Baptist Church on September 10, 1927, with 13 charter members. Those early meetings were held in the home of the members. On November 7, 1927, Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Harkins donated one-half acre of land to be used as a building site for a sanctuary. That first building was constructed of wood and seated approximately 200 people.

On October 7, 1945, the first full-time pastor, Reverend Grover Shaddix, was called to serve the church. In May of 1955, the first Pastor's home was dedicated. Then, approximately one year later, on May 4, 1960, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church became First Baptist Church of Saks. In June of 1960, the first service was held in the church's second

sanctuary, a brick building able to accommodate 500 people.

In 1967, the kindergarten program began at the church; and in 1974, a 23,000 square foot educational building was completed. By 1977, the church had begun its current Day Care program known as Weekday Early Education. That was the same year that the state-of-the-art pipe organ was purchased.

In 1990, First Baptist Church of Saks dedicated its third sanctuary seating 1200 people. In 1995, the church began their TV ministry, which currently reaches homes in greater Calhoun County, Alabama; Gadsden, Alabama; and the northeast and east central Alabama area.

I am proud to salute First Baptist Church of Saks on its 75th anniversary.

EXPRESSING SORROW FOR FAMI-  
LIES OF SEPTEMBER 11 VICTIMS

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the two-year anniversary of the worst attack on American soil in our history. Once again I would like to express my sorrow for the families of the September 11 victims and all those who have lost their lives in the war on terrorism.

The power of the American spirit shall never again be underestimated. On September 11 and the days since, America has shown everyone that a strong, vibrant nation faced with adversity can come together unlike any nation on earth. America has distinguished itself as the shining beacon of democracy throughout the world. When attacked, and freedom is in danger, we have proven that freedom will prevail. I am proud to see American citizens reflect on this day, whether by displaying flags or sharing a moment of silence.

The memories of that tragic day will always be remembered and reflected upon by the First District of Florida. May God bless our military men and women, and these United States.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY,  
AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 9, 2003*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2989) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Sanders amendment, which would protect the pensions of older workers who have seen their retirement benefits slashed by as much as 50 percent as a result of age discriminatory cash balance pension conversions.

On July 31, a federal court ruled that IBM's cash balance pension plan violates federal



anti-age discrimination law. The court found that IBM knew that older workers would lose up to 47 percent of their pensions under the cash balance conversion. This ruling was a welcome outcome for the 130,000 IBM employees who were represented in the case—and for the millions of other Americans whose employers have already converted to one of these age discriminatory plans or might in the future.

The Treasury Department is moving ahead with proposed regulations that permit the same cash balance pension plans that the court ruled are illegal. The Sanders amendment would specifically prohibit the IRS from issuing regulations that would conflict with this federal court ruling.

It has now been nearly two years since the collapse of Enron, more than a year since the collapse of WorldCom, and what has this body done to protect the pensions of American workers? Not a thing. We have passed legislation—legislation that fails to allow employees the right to fully diversify their stock, legislation that fails to hold executives who are fiduciaries of the pension plan accountable if they violate the law—executives like Ken Lay. We have passed legislation that allows employers to give the same conflicted financial advice the Republicans tried to push on the American workers last fall before the Enron scandal broke.

And today, if the Administration's rule is allowed to go forward, we head back down the same road. With companies like Xerox, Georgia Pacific and the Bank of Boston already having switched from traditional defined benefit plans to cash balance pension plans that leave older employees with their pensions slashed by up to 50 percent, this rule would actually make it easier for more companies to adopt such practices. It would make it easier for companies like Motorola to put another \$38 million into the retirement funds of their executives while they contribute not a cent to their workers' already underfunded pension fund. Quite frankly, this rule does absolutely nothing to limit runaway executive compensation or protect employees from these unfair benefit cuts.

It seems obvious to everyone but this Republican majority and Administration that our pension rules do not do enough to protect helpless employees. It does not protect them from being locked out of their pension plans while their life savings go down the drain or protect them from venal executives who would take their money and run. The majority seems to think that is somehow acceptable behavior.

Today, with the Sanders amendment, we have an opportunity to protect the working men and women in this country. We can tell them today that, yes, we want to protect your pensions because the fruits of your life's work have to be there for you and your family when you retire. That is what this country is built on. That is what our values are. That is the direction we should go in.

I urge my colleagues to support the Sanders amendment.

SEPTEMBER 11

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on September 11, the world watched in horror as nearly 3,000 Americans lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and on Flight 93, that crashed in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

September 11 is one of the defining events of an entire generation. Each of us vividly remembers where we were and how we heard the news of the attacks. Like so many others, I watched as the second plane slammed into the World Trade Center, and then as the two towers came crashing down. I heard the reports of the attack on the Pentagon, then the news that the last plane had crashed in Pennsylvania. And like all Americans, I sat in shock and horror worrying about the safety of my loved ones.

I was lucky enough to find out that everyone I knew was safe. Many were not so lucky. The events of September 11 helped me to take stock in my life and to appreciate the enormous sacrifice of ordinary Americans.

This tragic moment in our history produced a new definition of the word "hero." You could see this exemplified on Halloween in 2001 when children across America traded in their Superman and Spiderman costumes for those of fireman, policeman and paramedics. On September 11th children witnessed real heroes—the firemen who rushed into the burning Twin Towers, the police who did everything possible to rescue those in need, and the medical personnel who tirelessly worked to save lives. It has been said before, but should be remembered everyday—these ordinary people did extraordinary things without hesitation and with enormous sacrifice.

There were also heroes in the sky that day. The brave passengers of Flight 93 saved the lives of others by forcing their plane to the ground. What an incredible act of self-sacrifice! And let's not forget the workers who came to ground zero day after day to sift through the rubble, looking for survivors, and eventually looking for the remains of the victims. They are heroes.

On the 2nd Anniversary of September 11th, I think again of my loved ones and I want to say to all the families and friends who lost someone on this heartbreaking day—you are heroes. You have endured an unthinkable loss and yet everyday find the strength to go on. I admire your courage and resilience. You are a great inspiration to all Americans.

Let us honor the valor and sacrifice of these heroes by living life to the fullest. Let us reflect on their actions and lives and be inspired to build a better America.

#### FAIR AND ACCURATE CREDIT TRANSACTIONS ACT OF 2003

SPEECH OF

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 10, 2003*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 2622) to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and consumer access to, credit information, and for other purposes:

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Chairman, quick, effective, and accurate exchange of information is critical to our current financial system. Technology has improved this information exchange, which benefits both businesses and consumers.

However, technological reliance has also led to credit report inaccuracies and instances of identity theft that have hurt consumers in Oregon and across the nation. According to a recent Federal Trade Commission report, 10 million Americans were victims of identity theft last year at a cost of \$5 billion to them and \$48 billion to businesses.

Oregon is one of most states that do not have laws that protect consumers from identity theft and this bill will greatly benefit my constituents. It is essential that we protect consumers from identity theft and other abuses and ensure credit reports are accurate and accessible. I support the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act which will do just that.

However, I am concerned about the ability and commitment to strengthening consumer protections as time goes on. This bill preempts state laws, which in some instances may be stronger than this legislation, and will prevent states from passing stronger consumer protections in the areas of privacy and identity theft. I worry that by passing good legislation that raises the bar for privacy standards, we may actually be creating a ceiling for future improvements. I supported an amendment to sunset this legislation so that Congress will be forced to revisit its effectiveness and fairness for consumers.

#### TRIBUTE TO RITA RICCARDO

**HON. MIKE FERGUSON**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rita Riccardo of South Plainfield, New Jersey.

On September 1, 2003, Mrs. Rita F. Riccardo passed away at the age of 77. I had the privilege of knowing this loving, compassionate and remarkable woman. As a mother of three children she had an unyielding dedication to the sanctity of life. She was loving and compassionate to anyone who knew her.

Mrs. Riccardo was a member of the New Jersey Right to Life for 30 years. She worked diligently for her cause by organizing local groups for marches and parades. She was a selfless woman who put her community first. She was a member of several community organizations and the president of the Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church.

I believe that her family and community will always remember her service and most importantly, her great spirit. It is in her honor today that I stand before you.

## REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11

**HON. JANE HARMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, the passage of time will not fade from our memories the horror we witnessed 2 years ago today.

Nor will it diminish our feelings of sadness for those who lost their lives at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in a remote field in western Pennsylvania.

For California's South Bay, where LAX—the destination of three of the four hijacked planes—is located, four of my constituents were killed.

We remember these individuals and comfort their families: Anna Alison of Torrance, Chandler "Chad" Keller of Manhattan Beach, Stanley Hall of Rancho Palos Verdes, and John Wenckus of Torrance.

We also remember several other individuals who worked in the 36th district but lived elsewhere. Their coworkers remember them fondly: Ruben Ornedo, who worked at Boeing, and Peter Gay, who worked for Raytheon Electronics and commuted to El Segundo weekly from the east coast.

Mr. Speaker, since September 11, we have taken concerted action to defeat terrorism. Brave members of our Armed Forces and intelligence communities are working to bring the perpetrators of those terrorist attacks to justice.

But we have much still to do.

And however difficult that task, we are inspired by the heroism of the first responders who gave their lives that day—by the thousands who are prepared to do the same should another attack occur—and by the memories of so many people who died.

As we mark this anniversary, to paraphrase Tennyson, America will "strive . . . seek . . . find . . . and not yield" in the face of this new threat.

Indeed, America will prevail.

TRIBUTE TO ALEX MACHASKEE,  
THE 2003 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS  
EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

**HON. MARCY KAPTUR**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Alex Machaskee, President, Publisher, and Chief Executive Officer of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, as the 2003 International Business Executive of the Year.

On Thursday, September 18th, 2003, Mr. Machaskee will be recognized for his ongoing contribution to the internationalization of Northeast Ohio. He has energized the business community by catalyzing civic leaders to attract international companies to Northeast Ohio. I want to take this opportunity before this body to honor him and to say a few words about why he is deserving of this incredible distinction.

Born in Warren, Ohio, Mr. Machaskee worked as a sports reporter and general assignment reporter for the Warren Tribune before joining the Plain Dealer. As President,

Publisher and C.E.O., he is responsible for the overall policy, operation, and direction of the newspaper. He is a graduate of Cleveland State University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. Mr. Machaskee was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by both Cleveland State University in 1995 and the University of Akron in 1998. He was recognized for his tireless passion and talent in 2001 with his induction into the Northeast Ohio Business Hall of Fame.

Mr. Machaskee has demonstrated unflagging leadership in the improvement of Northeast Ohio. He currently is Vice President of the Musical Arts Association, serves on both the Board Governance and the Finance and Administration Committees of The Cleveland Foundation, is a member of The Greater Cleveland Roundtable and The Museum Council of The Cleveland Museum of Art, a Corporate Member of The Holden Arboretum and a Board Member of The Ohio Arts Council, Leadership Cleveland, University Circle Inc., Cleveland Tomorrow, The Great Lakes Science Center, The Greater Cleveland Growth Association, Urban League of Greater Cleveland, Crime Stoppers of Cuyahoga County, Inc., St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, in Crestwood, New York, and the national board of the International Orthodox Christian Charities.

Additionally, Mr. Machaskee is committed to improving racial amity and promoting diversity. He is the Chairman of the Board of United Way Services for 2002–2003, and previously served as Chairman of the 2000–2001 United Way Campaign. Mr. Machaskee is past Chairman of the Greater Cleveland Roundtable, a racially and culturally diverse civic forum committed to resolving the human relations problems confronting the city.

Mr. Machaskee has been a critical community partner for many years through his energetic leadership helping to improve and promote the economy of Northeast Ohio. Many throughout the years have appreciated his service and dedication and I congratulate him on being honored as International Business Executive of the Year. He should be commended for his commitment and service to Northeast Ohio.

HONORING MEMORY OF MOTHER  
TERESA

**HON. WALTER B. JONES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of one of the most compassionate people to have walked the earth: Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

I was not fortunate enough to personally know Mother Teresa, but I have been blessed to stand within twenty feet of this incredible woman. A few years ago, we presented Mother Teresa with the Congressional Gold Medal.

Arriving early, I was able to sit near enough that I could see every detail of Mother Teresa's face. Though she was old and weathered, one thought struck me as I stared at this living saint, "What a beautiful face."

Through her years in Calcutta she had seen illness and death, mourning and tragedy. She was rugged and aging, but, Mr. Speaker, she

still possessed a perfectly beautiful face of love.

Were she still with us today, Mother Teresa would have celebrated her birthday on August 27. This year, Pope John Paul II will honor the life and service of Mother Teresa by beatifying her on October 19.

Mr. Speaker, to be honest, words cannot do this holy servant justice. I am convicted of my own inability to serve as selflessly as she did. This saint did the Lord's work on a daily basis, with no desire to be recognized, thanked or applauded.

I am certain that when she went Home to meet her Maker, she was greeted at the gates of heaven by the Father, with arms open wide, saying to her, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Each of us should seek to serve with even one-third of the heart that Mother Teresa had. She is an example to us all of what a difference one life can make to so many millions.

Mother Teresa used to say, "There is joy in transcending self to serve others." Mr. Speaker, to all of us in Congress, I truly pray we can find such joy—such pure and selfless joy.

Happy Birthday, Mother Teresa. And may God bless the souls of those who still remain on this earth, seeking to carry on the tradition of servitude you left behind.

HONORING HARRY DEBENEDET AS  
HE IS NAMED ST. MICHAEL'S  
"MAN OF THE YEAR"

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to join the congregation of St. Michael Church in New Haven and pay tribute to an outstanding member of our community and my dear friend, Harry DeBenedet, as he is honored with the "Man of the Year" Award.

Throughout his life, Harry has shown a unique dedication to the City of New Haven and its residents. A native son of the City, he has and continues to enrich the lives of many through both his professional and personal contributions. We are fortunate to have such a person who so willingly gives of himself to ensure the betterment of our community.

In a career that has spanned over three decades, Harry has been a member of both the New Haven Police Department and the Yale University Police. As a law enforcement officer, he has dedicated his career to serving and protecting our families and neighborhoods. The myriad of awards and citations which he has earned are a reflection of his commitment and outstanding service to our community.

During his twenty years with the New Haven Police Department, Harry served in many divisions. For twenty-five years he was a member of the Bomb Squad where he was cited for co-inventing several tools, which continue to be utilized across the country, designed to allow for a safer approach to explosive devices. Upon his retirement from the New Haven Police Department, Harry joined the Yale University Police Department where he continues to serve today. Among others, Harry also serves on the Mayor's Emergency Preparedness and

Response Committee, the Yale Emergency Planning Committee, and the New Haven Terrorist Task Force.

Beyond his professional contributions, Harry has always generously donated his time and energies to local charitable organizations. Among many others, he has long been an advocate, fundraiser, and vocal supporter for the St. Jude's Hospital, the Marine Cadets of America, New Haven Teen Challenge, and the Leukemia Society. Harry has touched the lives of thousands and has left an indelible mark on this community.

It is an honor for me to stand today to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Harry DeBenedet for his countless contributions as he is named St. Michael's "Man of the Year." He has made such a difference and the City of New Haven is indeed a better place because of his good work.

IN RECOGNITION OF PAULA EDWARDS, NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FEDERAL CREDIT UNIONS

**HON. STEVEN C. LATOURETTE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Paula Edwards, a fellow resident of Ohio on her recent election to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions (NAFCU). Ms. Edwards, the President and CEO of Nationwide Federal Credit Union located in Columbus, Ohio, was elected as a regional director, representing the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Ms. Edwards has been associated with Nationwide FCU for more than 25 years. Ms. Edwards joined Nationwide FCU as the Operations Manager in 1975. Since that time, Ms. Edwards has served as the Services Manager for Nationwide's mutual fund operation, Nationwide Investing Foundation, she has served on the Nationwide FCU board of directors, including a three-year stint as chairwoman, and in 1989 she took over her current position as President and CEO of Nationwide FCU.

In addition, Ms. Edwards is active in a number of other activities including holding positions on the Corporate One FCU Board and Executive Committee. She is the Chair of Consumer Credit Counseling for the Midwest and she also serves on the Public Service Credit Union Strategic Advisory Group.

During her 25 years of service in the credit union community Ms. Edwards has made the financial literacy of her members a priority. In addition, Ms. Edwards has worked hard to build the credit union movement into what it is today; a healthy, competitive alternative to other financial institutions.

As a board member of NAFCU, she has distinguished herself as a leader in the only national trade association that exclusively represents the interests of America's federal credit unions, and I have no doubt that Ms. Edwards will serve NAFCU members as well as she has served her own credit union members. Again, I would like to congratulate Ms. Edwards on her new position and wish her the best of luck in this new role.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for rollcall No. 492, I would have voted "aye". I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 493, and "aye" on rollcall No. 494. I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 495. I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 496, and "aye" on rollcall No. 497. On rollcall No. 498, I would have voted "no". On rollcall No. 499, I would have voted "no". On rollcall No. 500, I would have voted "aye". On rollcall No. 501, I would have voted "aye". On rollcall No. 502, I would have voted "aye".

COMMENDING THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT RESEARCH INSTITUTE ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. EARL POMEROY**

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere congratulations to the Employee Benefit Research Institute as it celebrates its 25th anniversary.

Since I began serving the state of North Dakota in Congress, I have supported public policy that would encourage the growth of health and pension plans among private employers. I continuously turn to EBRI for the nonpartisan data I need in order to make legislative judgments in this area. To this end, I am especially thankful to EBRI and its superb, responsive and hard-working professional staff.

EBRI, led by Dallas Salisbury, is widely regarded by both political parties and the press as a knowledgeable and substantive source of information about employer-sponsored health and welfare plans. As Congress faces the monumental task of trying to sustain our employer-sponsored health and pension systems, I salute EBRI on its 25th anniversary, thank them for the important work they have performed over the years and recommend them to my colleagues who seek a deeper understanding of the policy options we confront. Congratulations. We will need your analysis even more in the 25 years that lie ahead.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

**HON. ROB SIMMONS**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share a few thoughts with my colleagues on this anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attacks against our nation. None of us will ever forget the day that members of the terrorist group al Qaeda destroyed the World Trade Center towers and attacked the Pentagon. The courageous action taken by the passengers aboard United Airlines Flight 93 prevented more carnage by crashing the aircraft in a Pennsylvania field. On that day nearly 3,000 innocent victims were murdered.

Like many of my colleagues, I lost constituents on that terrible morning. A number of them were personal friends of mine and of my family. Those of us who live in eastern Connecticut will never forget Josh Piver, Madeline Amy Sweeney, Ruth Clifford McCourt, Juliana Valentine McCourt, James Greenleaf Jr., Bruce Eagleson, James Hobin, Rick Thorpe and Eric Evans. All of them died far too soon; all of them left behind grieving families and friends.

The events of that day are burned indelibly in our minds and on our hearts. Like Americans always have, we immediately began to rise to the challenge. We put out the fires; we cleared the debris; we prayed for the deceased and their families; and we began the serious work of ensuring that such an act of war would never again visit our shores.

While we will never forget that day, sadly, some Americans, including some in this very Chamber, have either forgotten or failed to learn the lessons of those attacks. Until September 11, 2001, it was thought that in order to wage war against the United States the enemy would have to be a nation with a mighty army and enormous industrial capability. That is no longer the case. Today we live in a world in which a few dedicated and evil men, supported by a minimal amount of resources and armed with box cutters, brought to our shores death and destruction the likes of which we have never seen before. Those who died on September 11th and their families are the tragic witnesses to that reality. We have no greater responsibility than making sure it never happens again. Advances in communication and technology have created opportunities for the enemies of freedom and justice. Terrorists do not need huge armies. They do not need an industrial base. They have learned how to exploit the resources of the 21st Century. But they underestimate the resources and resolve of the American spirit.

America is engaged in a war. Today a major battleground is Iraq. We have weakened an evil regime in Afghanistan that gave al Qaeda support and we have removed Saddam Hussein from power. Our people have not suffered further attacks at home, not because our enemy has changed its mind, but because our law enforcement agencies and our intelligence community have worked diligently to prevent further assaults. Congress has provided the tools they need to make America safer. And we have taken the fight to our enemies instead of waiting for them to continue their violence here. But the war is not over.

Some of us have expressed concern about the cost of the war—both in terms of funds and with regards to the even more precious cost in the lives of our fellow Americans. As a Vietnam veteran, I understand these issues personally and share those concerns every day.

In Connecticut's Second District, which I represent, two courageous heroes have given their lives in defense of freedom. Corporal Kemaphoom Chanawongse, 22 years old, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, was killed in action during operations on the outskirts of Nasiriya on March 23, 2003. Gunnery Sergeant Phillip Jordan, 2nd Marine Regiment, 42 years old, was killed in action near Nasiriya on March 23, 2003. Their families and they have made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. The price of defending our nation is great.

Every death of an American who wears our nation's uniform is one death too many. Families who lose a loved one will never be able to fill the void. But I also know this. As in other difficult wars our nation has fought, we send our forces abroad to meet the enemy in order to prevent the war from coming to our shores and to our homes. The front lines of the war on terrorism will either be in Kabul and Baghdad or they will be in New York, Washington or New London, Connecticut. We are doing the right thing for America and for the free people of the world. But doing the right thing is no guarantee against misfortune. The war will be long and difficult. So was the Cold War; so was World War II.

War is a terrible thing, but it is not the most terrible. Far worse are the evils that war can prevent and end—evils like the attacks of September 11th that took the lives of innocent people on their way to work, in their offices and flying on jet airliners. War is a moral undertaking when arms are taken against brutal despots and those who would destroy our people, our values and our nation. September 11th showed us with graphic clarity that there is great good and great evil in the world. As a free and resourceful nation, America must accept its obligations to lead in the world, and we must do so fully and without apology. As we debate how much the war on terrorism will cost; as we question how long the war will last; as we seek answers to how long it will take to bring stability to Iraq, let us realize that none of those important questions negates the righteousness of our cause and the necessity of our actions.

The enemies of freedom know what is at stake in Iraq and Afghanistan. If those nations fall back into the dark days of oppression and terror, those who seek the destruction of the United States will have achieved a significant victory—preserving abroad a climate of tyranny and breeding ground for terrorism. They are fighting to defeat our allies and us. The danger facing us is not that we will be drawn further into a difficult situation but that we will lose our will and quit before the work is done. In the past the terrorists have taken undue comfort from our lack of resolve. They believe that if they create enough chaos and generate enough American casualties, we will give up. They are wrong. We will not give up because we cannot afford to have the front lines of the war drawn in the United States. We will not give up because we will never forget those who died in the Twin Towers, and at the Pentagon and in a lonely field in Pennsylvania. We will not give up because in the words of President John F. Kennedy, "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

Our enemies have declared war on us and they intend to win. We can fight the war on our terms or on theirs, but we cannot opt out. We cannot let the calls for an "exit strategy" become calls to retreat. May we have the wisdom to understand that this war is not about politics or elections, it is about survival. May we have the patience to know our mission is worthwhile. It is about ensuring that our children and grandchildren will inherit a nation that is free and just and whole. Our oath of office demands we meet these responsibilities to provide for the common defense.

Mr. Speaker, two years ago a cartoon published in the national news media pictured a young girl seated on her father's lap responding to a news article of the September 11 attacks on America. She asked him, "Will we hate back?" Two years later the answer is clear. Children of the victims of the World Trade Center attacks are reading the names of their loved ones into the record at Ground Zero in New York City. They are not doing it with hatred and vengeance but with remembrance and love. This is America's answer to those who would destroy us, and it is answer for future generations and the world.

#### THE DEATH OF EDWARD TELLER

##### HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, with the passing of Edward Teller on Tuesday, the United States has lost one of our foremost physicists and a lifelong advocate for education. Through his leadership and vision, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in my district designed the nuclear weapons that have deterred world wars and the infrastructure that ensures the continuing safety, security, and reliability of our Nation's nuclear weapons stockpile without live testing.

His efforts were instrumental in creating the Livermore site at what was then the University of California Radiation Laboratory in 1952.

Teller served as the Laboratory's second director from 1958 to 1960, a time when it was well along in development of the U.S. Navy's Polaris missile warhead. Teller advanced Polaris, the Laboratory's first military design project. Polaris was validated in a test in 1958, a few months before nuclear testing was halted for a time by a voluntary moratorium.

The moratorium was one of Teller's greatest challenges. Faced with keeping the Laboratory viable without testing, plans were laid for a program exploring the peaceful uses of nuclear explosives called Project Plowshare.

In addition to his contributions to physics, Teller was a passionate educator and strongly believed that America needed more intensive scientific education to develop future generations of scientists and engineers.

Less than two months ago, Edward Teller was recognized for his contributions to science with the prestigious Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest honor.

As I work with the national laboratories on the cutting edge programs they have developed in multiple areas, I am constantly reminded of Edward Teller's legacy. I am saddened by this loss but know that he has made lasting and important contributions to the security of the United States. For that, we are all grateful.

#### REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

##### HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, on this second September since the terrorist attacks of

2001, I think it is important to focus on what has kept our Nation strong.

In the darkest hours of September 11, many of us reached out to our loved ones. We did not understand why we were being attacked but we did know to reach for those people important to us. Let this be the reason why we gather today and remember September 11, 2001.

Those that harmed us on that day were attempting to steal from us our freedom. They did not succeed. They will not succeed. They will never take our spirit.

That day 2 years ago, marks many things for many people. It is images of horror. It is feelings of sadness. It brings striking appreciation for the precious fragility that is life.

For many of us, time will not wash away the hurt of that horrific moment. Though these things happened in New York, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania, it was an attack on America. Through prayer and the support of our spouses and children, we survive. We move on. We persevere.

Today let our prayers remain with the victims, their souls, and their families during this time of immeasurable sadness. Our Nation grieves with you.

There are truly few moments in history when a Nation can agree the events of a day changed the world. September 11 is one of those days. Let us honor the people who gave their lives on September 11 and those both here and abroad who continue to work diligently to watch over us as we continue to go about our normal business. God bless America.

#### TRIBUTE TO MAI HONG ON THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF "A TOUCH OF ELEGANCE"

##### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished Californian, Mai Hong, as she celebrates the fourth anniversary of the opening of "A Touch of Elegance", her thriving Menlo Park salon, founded October 4, 1999.

Mai Hong has built a remarkable business with loyal customers from throughout the community together with her able team of Cindy, Amy, Julie, Danny, Kim and Brittany.

From the time Mai arrived in the United States from Viet Nam in 1984, she has built a better life for her two children, her mother, herself and so many others. Mai celebrates daily the privileges and responsibilities of her American citizenship.

How proud I am to honor her work, her values, and her deep love for her adopted country. She is a model for others to emulate and she is a woman I'm proud to call my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mai Hong and the entire "Touch of Elegance" team as they celebrate their fourth anniversary, a model business in California's 14th Congressional District.

A TRIBUTE TO THE SEPTEMBER 11  
FAMILIES OF THE 5TH DISTRICT  
OF MASSACHUSETTS

**HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 31 people from my district who died in the September 11 attacks. Captain John Ogonowski was the pilot of American Flight 11. John was a Vietnam veteran and a member of the American Legion and the Dracut Grange. He was a pilot, and he also was a fourth-generation farmer. I'd like to express my appreciation that the 2002 Agriculture Appropriations Conference Report was renamed the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farmer-to-Farmer Program after Captain John Ogonowski. John left a wife, Peggy, and three daughters, whom I have come to know and admire over the last two years for their courage and determination in the face of devastating loss. Their strength and commitment to John's legacy will ensure that his memory never dies.

As Captain Ogonowski was one of the first victims, David Bernard of Chelmsford was the last. Dave was struck with falling debris as he walked into the World Trade Center. He was one of the first people rushed to New York hospitals and fought for his life for over 3 months, until December of 2001. He is survived by his wife Nancy; his sons, David and Mark; and his daughter, Jill. If you have a chance to see it, the IRS—where David worked—has a beautiful stone memorial on Constitution Avenue, just a few blocks from here.

Patrick Quigley often took American Flight 11 to California. Concerned once the news that American Flight 11 had hit the World Trade Center, his wife Patti, called his office. She was relieved when they said they were sure he was fine, that he had decided to take United Flight 175 instead. Patrick was on United Flight 175, and at the time, Patti Quigley was seven months pregnant. His daughter Leah will celebrate her 2nd birthday in a few months. Patti, who is a tremendous source of strength for her friends and family, has joined with other widows from September 11th to start a non-profit agency called Beyond the 11th. Next year, we will all know much more about her work, as she begins to work with victims of terrorism and the war in Afghanistan.

I want to tell you all about Larissa Gay, a young woman from Tewksbury, who lost her dad, Peter, a senior trouble shooter for Raytheon. Larissa maintains an A+ average at the Sacred Heart School in Lowell. Larissa ran the 7 mile Falmouth Road Race in honor of her father. What an incredible way to show strength and tackle adversity.

There's a story behind every victim of the September 11 attacks. In the last 2 years, I have had the privilege to get to know many of the families left behind. I'd like to now pay tribute and honor all of them, with a reading of each of their names.

Trudi Alagero, an Andover native; David Bernard of Chelmsford; Geoffrey Cloud of Sudbury; Andrew Curry Green of Chelmsford; Alexander Filipov of Concord; Peter Gay of Tewksbury; Peter Goodrich of Sudbury; Doug-

las Gowell of Methuen; The Hanson Family—Peter, Susan & Christine Hanson, age 3, of Groton; Peter Hashem of Tewksbury; James Hayden of Westford; Cora Holland of Sudbury; Brian Kinney of Lowell; Susan MacKay of Westford; Louis Mariani, formerly of Dracut; Christopher Morrison of Andover; Mildred "Milly" Naiman of Andover; Captain John Ogonowski of Dracut, Pilot of American Flight 11; Betty Ong of Andover, Flight Attendant of American Airlines Flight 11; Jane Orth of Haverhill; Abner Morales Pabon of Lawrence; Marie Pappalardo of Methuen; Patrick Quigley of Wellesley, a Methuen native; Philip Rosenzweig of Acton; Jessica Sachs of Billerica; Jane Simpkin of Wayland; Madeline "Amy" Sweeney of Acton, Flight Attendant of American Airlines Flight 11; Leonard Taylor, an Andover native; Kenneth Waldie of Methuen.

As Americans we can't help but remember. But unlike the families who have experienced this loss first hand, we grieve for a moment, not for a lifetime. These families have suffered the ultimate loss, and we owe them our most heartfelt sympathies and support.

9/11 ANNIVERSARY

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, we come together to reflect on the anniversary of September 11, 2001, a day like none other in our history.

Leading up to this anniversary, I have been thinking much about the tragic events of that day and their significance. At first, I felt I had a grasp on what happened two years ago, but now after going to memorials, visiting the sites, and watching the footage, I am not sure if any of us have fully absorbed the events of that terrible day and realize how they have changed our nation and our lives.

This anniversary is important because it gives us an opportunity to consider the lasting impact of the events that altered the course of our nation.

The shock of September 11 for those who witnessed the horrible events firsthand or lost a loved one remains incomprehensible.

For me, the events of that day were extremely powerful at a personal level because my son, my daughter-in-law, and my grandson live in New York City. All I could do was hope and pray my family was safe. As a mother and a grandmother, there is no feeling worse than such uncertainty.

To all of us, the threat of terrorism is still very real despite the relative normality of our lives.

On this occasion, we should take a moment to ask the questions that still need to be answered.

I ask today, Mr. Speaker: Have we properly prepared if another attack takes place? Have we harnessed the amazing energy and the great spirit that saw us through the days and weeks following that day? Have we mobilized our citizens to take on the other problems we as a nation are facing?

I truly believe, as we look back and remember those who tragically lost their lives two years ago, that we take the time to really think about what those events mean to us.

We also need to consider what the legacy of September 11, 2001 will be 10 years from now and even 100 years from now.

Though it has been two years, I am still amazed at how our nation came together to cope with the crisis and to comfort those who suffered unimaginable losses.

I think about the epic effort of the steelworkers and engineers working around the clock to clear rubble from the World Trade Center, and our brave service members who went to Afghanistan to hold accountable those who planned the attack.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, though the Pentagon has been rebuilt and the steel beams and concrete cleared from the World Trade Center, the unspeakable acts of September 11 continue to impact several areas of our lives.

Though we have made progress over the last two years, I believe we can build upon the energy and spirit we displayed after September 11 to become a stronger and more generous nation than before that day two years ago.

Whether the cause is to create new jobs for Americans, improve education, fight poverty at home and abroad, or increase our understanding of foreign cultures and languages, we have missed some opportunities but it is not too late to build upon our resolve and better ourselves, our families, and our communities.

I would like to conclude today, Mr. Speaker, by remembering those who were tragically killed two years ago. Those who lost their lives were truly the innocent, and because of the cowardly acts of a few, more than 3,000 loved ones were taken from their families. It is crucial that we remember them and continue to offer these brave families our support.

HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF  
STAFF SERGEANT CAMERON  
SARNO

**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and sacrifice of Staff Sergeant Cameron Sarno. Sarno lost his life on Monday, September 1, 2003, while on active duty in Kuwait. Cameron Sarno was serving with the 257th Transportation Company when he was killed while helping transport much needed supplies to US forces in Iraq.

A native of Hawaii, Staff Sergeant Sarno moved to the Las Vegas Valley five years ago where he continued his more than nineteen years of service with the Army and the Army Reserve in the 257th, based at the Nellis Air Force Base Reserve Center. Sarno had been deployed in Kuwait since February of this year, where he operated in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

A man whose loyalty to family, friends, and comrades was a byword of both his personal and military lives, Cameron Sarno gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the values and ideals that he wished for us all. Staff Sergeant Sarno was a patriot and a hero; his dedication to our country will remain a reminder of the struggles that we face in the name of freedom. I urge all Members of this House to join me in honoring his sacrifice and in sending our condolences to his family and friends.

HONORING THE DEDICATION OF  
THE NEW BARBARA DEER KUSS  
SCIENCE CENTER AT  
WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY

**HON. DAVID L. HOBSON**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the upcoming September 19th dedication ceremony at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio of a new and exciting facility that will greatly enhance the educational opportunities at this great institution of higher learning in Ohio's 7th Congressional District.

I've lived in Springfield for most of my adult life and have seen Wittenberg University grow into one of the best liberal arts universities in Ohio. I have greatly enjoyed representing and working with the university.

The Barbara Deer Kuss Center will house the university's departments of biology, chemistry, physics, geology, mathematics and computer science. The building will also house programs in biochemistry, molecular biology, marine biology, health professions and environmental studies.

This \$23 million endeavor is Wittenberg's most ambitious capital improvement to date, and marks the most significant improvement to the university's science facilities since the original construction of Science Hall in 1965.

I was proud to have been able to help secure some of the funding to ensure that Wittenberg students and faculty have a safe environment to perform their research.

The design of this new facility reflects the changing view of scientific and academic research in that it includes many glass walls to make ongoing research projects more visible to people as they move through the building. Like the new Hollenbeck Hall on campus, the Kuss Center is designed to optimize interaction between students, faculty and the science disciplines.

One of the primary ways this is done is by the striking atrium, which connects the old and new parts of the building, allows natural light in and also lets visitors see what is happening on other floors.

The facility is also a worthy tribute to my long-time friends Barbara and Richard Kuss, who were instrumental in moving this project forward.

Richard Kuss has played a leadership role in each of Wittenberg's fund-raising efforts since 1952. He has served on the university board of directors and as president of its alumni association. He has received numerous awards and honors, including an honorary degree and the Medal of Honor from Wittenberg.

Barbara Deer Kuss served the Springfield community in many ways throughout her adult life. For 30 years she served as a volunteer at Community Hospital and was a past-president of its Women's Auxiliary. She also was a major donor to Community Hospital and a 12-year member of the board of directors.

Barbara also served on the boards of the Springfield Foundation, the Center for Sensory Motor Development, the Friends of Mercy St. John's Center, Clark Memorial Home Association and the Springfield YWCA and had honorary alumna status at Wittenberg University. This new facility will be a lasting tribute to the

many ways that Barbara helped to make Springfield a better community.

As the Member of Congress who represents Springfield and Wittenberg University in the U.S. House of Representatives, I again offer my congratulations on the completion of this important new educational facility. The Barbara Deer Kuss Science Center will be a new focal point of learning for students at Wittenberg University and the advanced facilities of this new structure will greatly assist their quest for scientific knowledge.

RECOGNIZING LAUREN DiSANO  
FOR HER ACHIEVEMENT

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lauren DiSano, who was selected to participate in the first-ever U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Health Fellows Environmental Health Fellows class. Ms. DiSano, a resident of Warwick, RI, earned a master's degree in Health Science in Environmental Health from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Ms. DiSano is one of only 10 public health professionals selected nationwide to work at an EPA research facility for a minimum of one year and address emerging public health needs from an environmental perspective. Ms. DiSano's focus will be Homeland Security projects dealing with public health and water utility issues. This opportunity will not only give Ms. DiSano a chance to make our country safer, but also to become a leader in her field. As a member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security, I am particularly interested in the work she will be doing and hope she will keep us updated as her fellowship progresses.

Mr. Speaker, I hope our colleagues will join me in congratulating Lauren DiSano for her achievement.

HEALTH CARE FOR VETERANS OF  
PROJECT 112/PROJECT SHAD ACT  
OF 2003

**HON. DENNIS MOORE**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, in this uncertain time, our nation is looking to the brave men and women of our armed forces. They have never hesitated in answering their nation's call and giving of their time and service. Our nation owes them a debt that we can never repay. That is why it is unconscionable that in the 1960s, our Department of Defense intentionally exposed U.S. military personnel to toxic chemicals as an experiment, without their knowledge or consent. In effect, they made our military personnel unwilling human guinea pigs.

I strongly support H.R. 2433, the Health Care for Veterans of Project 112/Project SHAD Act of 2003, which the House passed today. We cannot change what happened forty years ago. But now we can try to make it right. This legislation is an important first step

in requiring our government to make full disclosure about the tests conducted and the chemical agents to which our military personnel were exposed. H.R. 2433 will also make improvements to the retention and recruitment of health care professionals; provide additional pay for Saturday tours of duty for additional health care workers in the veterans' health administration; and increase coverage of employees of veterans' canteen services under additional employment laws. I urge my Senate colleagues to act quickly on this important legislation.

As a veteran myself, it saddens me to see how some of our nation's finest citizens are being treated. I believe our government should come clean, provide the information and provide medical treatment and compensation for the losses our military personnel suffered. We must address this tragedy and work to make sure nothing like this ever happens again.

SEPTEMBER 11TH  
COMMEMORATION

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of the thousands of brave men and women lost on September 11th, the lives of the thousands more who survived, and the strength and love shown by the families, friends, loved ones, and communities left behind on that shocking, terrible day.

It's hard to believe that it was 2 years ago. It feels like yesterday, in some ways, that we sat transfixed before CNN, unable to believe that the World Trade Center was gone, the Pentagon burned, and that somehow a plane of courageous passengers over Pennsylvania had managed to turn the table on their hijackers. The losses still ache. It was only last week that the last firefighting family in New York City laid their son to rest.

In other ways, it feels like forever. Our sense of this world has changed, our duties have increased, and our vulnerabilities remain. As a Member of Congress, I feel a special and urgent responsibility to make sure we have better intelligence, more resources, and effective response plans in place. But I am optimistic. I have faith in America.

In my area, many of us know someone who was lost. But you didn't have to know someone to feel it. America's heart was broken that day, and in some ways we will never be the same. But, in an important way, America will never change.

The terrorists wanted, and still want, to break America's spirit. But that hasn't happened. Our shock has faded, and we've accepted a stark reality: we can never let down our guard in the fight against terrorism. Communities have drawn closer and grown stronger over the past 2 years; neighbors take the time to meet and thank fire fighters and police officers; people wait patiently in long airport screening lines; and parents stock up on bottled water and canned food.

America is the land of the free; it's the home of the brave. We're fighters—just look at our men and women in uniform, who are just outstanding—and we're survivors. Our Nation is united as we continue to strengthen our security, protect our people, and pursue those responsible for the attacks.

We've shown that we won't allow terrorists to destroy the values that make America great—we will protect and defend liberty, tolerance and democracy. There's no better national tribute to those who were lost than that.

## SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 11 ATTACKS

### HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Second Anniversary of the September 11 attacks.

This week we commemorate the Second Anniversary of the September 11 attacks. A day that will forever remain in our memories as we endured the loss of over 3,000 innocent people in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. Despite this tragedy we continue to press on rebuilding our communities and renewing our spirits.

I would like to share with you a poem written by one of my constituents and a dear friend, Ms. Danita Harris, news anchor for Good Morning Cleveland on WEWS News Channel 5 in Cleveland. It reads:

On September 11, 2001 . . .  
our hearts were pierced by the loss of our fellow Americans in the terrorist attacks

On September 11, 2001 . . .  
we held on to the one thing that stands when all else fails, our faith in God

On September 11, 2001 . . .  
there was a rebirth, an awakening, a national acknowledgement of the power and love of Almighty God

On September 11, 2001 . . .  
in the midst of mourning the loss of a mother, a father, a sister, a brother, someone found Jesus—a comforter, a friend, a saviour

On September 11, 2001 . . .  
knees bowed down and tongues cried out  
"HELP US GOD!"

On September 11, 2001 . . .  
the salt of our tears fell on the earth giving our country a new flavor of freedom and pride

On September 11, 2001 . . .  
hatred and ignorance showed its ugly face as terrorism penetrated America's front door

On September 11, 2001 . . .  
we put aside our differences, our prejudices, our isms, and our schisms

On September 11, 2001 . . .  
the only race was the human race, not connected by blood but united by spirit

On September 11, 2001 . . .  
our voices sang God Bless America, but in our spirits we were all singing Amazing Grace

Because if it wasn't for God's grace  
it could have been you  
in that building

it could have been you  
on that airplane  
it could have been you.

May we remember those families who lost loved ones during this tragic event during this time and continue to renew our spirits.

## NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

### HON. WAYNE T. GILCHREST

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Public Lands Day on September 20, 2003. On this day, volunteers around the nation will be lending their hands to our public lands—improving the nation's habitats, removing invasive species, building trails, planting trees, and contributing an invaluable service to the nation. This event promotes the stewardship of our publicly held natural and cultural resources.

To provide further information, I attach the enclosed statement.

VOLUNTEERS SPRUCE UP NATIONAL MALL  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2003

Volunteers around the nation will be lending their hands to our public lands on the 10th annual National Public Lands Day—Saturday, September 20, 2003. This is the largest nationwide effort to improve and enhance those places where Americans go for recreation and to enjoy the outdoors. It is expected that around 80,000 volunteers will be working at 500 locations and in every state.

This year the focus is on improving and preserving the nation's habitats—the forests, mountains, prairies, plains, rivers, wetlands, and urban streams that are home to a rich diversity of animals, plants and birds. Many of the projects will involve invasives, a growing threat to our public lands. Volunteers will also repair trails, build bridges, plant trees, protect cultural sites, restore aging facilities and much more.

Here in our nation's capital volunteers will be working from one end of The National Mall to the other—the Lincoln Memorial to the Ulysses S. Grant Memorial. Projects include repairing the walkway around Constitution Gardens; trimming cherry trees around the Tidal Basin; painting benches and railings at Hains Point; and weeding, planting and mulching flowerbeds at the George Mason Monument, Department of the Interior and the Benjamin Banneker Park. Kids will build bat houses for a National Park Service research project and help install duck ramps in the lake at Constitution Gardens.

This is a unique opportunity for Members and staffs to join others who are giving up a Saturday to care for our special place, The National Mall.

National Public Lands Day is a project of the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation in partnership with nine federal agencies, numerous state land authorities and private organizations. Toy-

ota Motor Sales USA is the national corporate sponsor.

## REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

### HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 11, 2003*

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, today marks the second year since one of the most devastating attacks occurred on United States soil in our history.

Many of us remember exactly where we were when we first received news of the two planes flying into the World Trade Center complex in the borough of Manhattan.

We also remember the unimaginably horrible sight of both towers crashing downward, and the residents of New York running for their very lives through the streets and over bridges leading away from the site.

On this day, we also remember the dedicated workers of the Pentagon who perished, and the brave men and women of United flight 93, who sacrificed their own lives to prevent another horrific incident.

This devastating act of terrorism has affected the lives of every single American living in this country today.

Thousands of Americans lost their lives on September 11. These were ordinary, hard working people, who had no knowledge that they would be on the front lines of a cowardly act that would forever represent a new battle, the "war against terrorism."

Mr. Speaker, America is a special place. Despite differences in race, culture, creed, and faith, we hold certain ideals close. Americans believe the words of the patriots who met at the Second Continental Congress, "that certain truths are selfevident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

Americans believe that all people, in the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., "will bow before the altars of God and be crowned triumphant over war and bloodshed, and nonviolent redemptive goodwill will proclaim the rule of the land."

Finally, Mr. Speaker, Americans believe that we are one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Mr. Speaker, the war against terrorism continues to this day, but the resolve and spirit of the American people can never be defeated, our thirst for peace and democracy never quenched.

On this day, let us remember the victims, their families, and all who were touched by the tragic events of 2 years ago. God bless them all, and God bless America.